

LAKESHORE LIGHT



Pictured: U.S. Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima) and Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. LMS students had an unforgettable day of learning and memories! A big thank you to Mr. Graziano for coordinating the trip and to our chaperones, Ms. Blasko, Ms. Veldman, Ms. Ettinger, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Churchill!

Grounded in Tradition – Committed to Excellence

Enhancing Safety, Learning, and Success



Greg Eding, Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we are closing in on the end of the 2024-25 school year!

Over the past few months, Lakeshore has shifted its language for *Standard Response Protocols*.

The new protocols are as follows:

HOLD – Used in situations where the hallways need to stay clear, but there is no danger, such as when a paramedic needs to attend to someone.

SECURE – Used in situations where there could be a threat in the nearby area, such as a law enforcement vehicle pursuit near a school building.

LOCKDOWN – Used in situations where there could be an immediate threat.

EVACUATE – Used in situations where the building needs to be evacuated, such as in the event of a chemical spill in the general vicinity.

SHELTER – Used in situations where people need to shelter from a hazardous situation, such as a tornado warning.

All county-wide schools are adopting these same protocols, which greatly benefit local law enforcement and emergency responders. If you would like to learn more about these protocols, visit **ILOVEYOUGUYS.ORG**.

In February, our staff participated in professional development opportunities geared toward improving student learning, skills, and the overall educational environment. At the elementary level, the focus was on literacy and the new reading

curriculum implemented at the start of the school year. At the secondary level, teachers learned more about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the many tools now available to enhance productivity and learning. Teachers also engaged in a discussion about guiding students in the proper use of AI in the educational environment.

Niche.com recently released its school district rankings, and I'm thrilled to share that Lakeshore has been ranked #36 out of 539 districts in Michigan!

This recognition is a testament to the dedication and positive impact that each and every employee has on our students. It also reflects the amazing support that our parents and community provide to our district. We are so thankful for this partnership, which is focused on the success of ALL students.

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL



Math & Science Center Students Engage in Career Exploration

MSC Alumni Share Their Journeys in STEM and Beyond at Annual Career Day

The Math & Science Center (MSC) students have had a great winter participating in math, science, and computer science activities. The MSC is a high school program geared toward gifted and talented students who enjoy learning and challenging themselves academically.

Several former Math & Science Center graduates shared their stories during the third annual MSC Career Day. All current MSC students had the opportunity to hear from former graduates in various fields about their college and career paths. MSC alumni included Dr. Lauren Chorny (Class of 2011 and current Pediatric Neurology Fellow at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida), Dr. Carley (Dubbert) Gathright (Class of 2015 and current clinical pharmacist at Corewell Health in St. Joseph), Tiffany (Ego) Joye (Class of 2003 and currently an attorney at Microsoft), Stacey (Hines) Magrane (Class of 1996 and current member center manager at Honor Credit Union in Baroda), Sean McDowell (Class of 2011 and current provider recruitment lead at Datavant in Seattle), and Tim Winter (Class of 2002 and currently a structural engineer for Pierce Engineers in Chicago). Students were able to hear each of the presenters talk about their schooling and career, while also having a chance to ask questions.

If you are an MSC graduate who would be interested in presenting at a future Career Day (either in-person or virtually), please contact Jill McNabney at jmcnabney@lpslancer.net.



MSC graduates answer current students' questions about their college and career experiences during Alumni Career Day.



Tim Winter speaks with MSC students about his role as a structural engineer following Alumni Career Day.

Promote Your Business in the Lakeshore Light!

Reach the Lakeshore community by advertising in the Lakeshore Light! Call us at 269-428-1400 to learn more and secure your spot today!



"Feel at Ease with McGhee's"



Sales - Service - Installation

269-466-0123
7301 Red Arrow Hwy, Stevensville, MI 49127
office@mcgheesheating.com



LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL



Lakeshore Alternative Pathways

Lakeshore High School is proud to introduce its new Alternative Pathways Program, designed to meet the unique needs of students working toward their high school diploma. This innovative program combines an online learning platform with in-person support sessions from teachers and counselors, providing a flexible approach to education.

The Pathways program allows students to learn at their own pace while receiving the guidance and support they need to succeed. Whether it's through personalized lessons or hands-on help from staff, the program ensures that each student can work toward graduation in a way that suits their individual learning style and needs.

We are excited to see the positive impact this program has on our students and their journey toward success!

MSC Sophomores Combine Learning and Fun at Michiana Service Camp

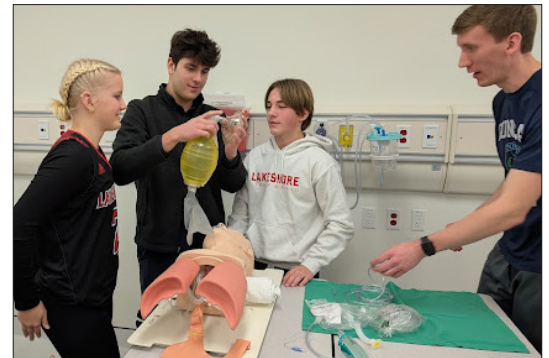
A Weekend of Team Building, Outdoor Science, and Unforgettable Moments

The MSC sophomores took a break from the classroom to visit Michiana Service Camp over a weekend in March. The philosophy of working hard in the classroom and then playing hard with fun activities was the focus. It was a great opportunity to build relationships and explore science in an outdoor setting. Students “covalently bonded” at the bonfire, sharing stories and watching excited electrons change color in the flames. They even spotted a shooting star!

MSC Students Explore Hands-On Medical Training at WMU

Freshmen and Sophomores Experience Simulation Labs and Career Insights at Homer Stryker Medical School

The MSC freshmen and sophomores visited Western Michigan University’s Medical School at the beginning of the second semester. Homer Stryker Medical School houses a state-of-the-art simulation lab where students and residents train. Our Lakeshore MSC students participated in three simulations, including understanding proper CPR chest depth and rhythm, responding to a code blue, and evaluating a doctor’s bedside manner. Students enjoyed the CPR competition, with a few groups scoring 95% or higher. We ended with a Q&A session about becoming an MD during our pizza luncheon.



MSC freshmen and sophomores engage in medical simulations at WMU’s School of Medicine.



MSC sophomores explore science and teamwork at Michiana Service Camp, bonding over bonfires, chemistry, and unforgettable experiences!

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL



Gratitude for Our Local Business Sponsors:

Lakeshore After Prom 2025

A Heartfelt Thank You to Those Who Helped Make After Prom a Success

The Lakeshore After Prom Committee 2025 would like to recognize and thank our local business sponsors for their generous support of Lakeshore's upcoming After Prom 2025.

Their commitment and generosity are essential in making this event a success, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for Lakeshore juniors, seniors, and their guests. This support reflects a strong dedication to our community and the well-being of our local youth.

Together, these businesses and individuals are helping to create lasting memories for Lakeshore High School students. We sincerely appreciate each sponsor and business contributing to this event, and we encourage you to support them in return. Their generosity makes a meaningful impact, and we are truly grateful for their commitment to our students and community.

Gold Level Sponsorships/Donations (\$500+)



Jim & Heidi
Peters



Tom & Gail
Mathews



Silver Level Sponsorships/Donations (\$250+)



Jillian
Johnson



LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL



**Join Us for Lakeshore After Prom 2025:
A Safe and Fun Celebration for Our Students**
Help Make This Year's After Prom a Memorable Success –
Support Our Fundraising Efforts



After Prom 2025 Website



After Prom 2025 Venmo



After Prom 2025 Amazon Wishlist

**While we've received many generous
donations, we are still short on funding.**

Please use the QR codes above to learn more about the event, explore our fundraising opportunities, make a direct financial donation, or shop for something on our wishlist via the Amazon link. Working together, we can provide a safe and memorable evening for our youth.

For decades, Lakeshore After Prom has provided a safe and enjoyable alternative for students to continue celebrating with their friends and classmates in a secure environment.

You don't have to attend prom to join the After Prom fun! All pre-registered Lakeshore Juniors, Seniors, and their guests are invited to enjoy a night filled with great food, exciting games, and fantastic prizes. This year's event takes place on May 3 from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Stay tuned—registration opens soon!

ATTENTION:

Lakeshore Graduating Seniors

**Apply Now for the Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship –
Deadline: April 8, 2025**

Just a quick reminder—the Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship application is due by April 8. This scholarship is a wonderful way to honor Adam's memory while helping you take the next step in your journey. For more details and to apply, visit the Lakeshore website or swing by the guidance office. Don't miss out—this could be the boost you need!

BCD Spring Concert

**A Celebration of Dance, Talent, and
25 Years of BCD Excellence**

The Berrien County Dancers will hold their Spring Dance Concert on Thursday, May 8, and Friday, May 9, at 7:00 P.M. at LHS. Tickets will be available starting May 5 and can be purchased through a dancer in the program or at the door on show nights.

The concert will feature works by Theresa Graziano, BCD Artistic Director, and guest choreographer, Eugene Peabody, as well as performances from members of the Advanced Dance class. Eugene, a graduate of both Lakeshore and BCD, has danced with several professional dance companies, taught at Steps on Broadway in New York, and toured with The Lion King. We are thrilled to celebrate BCD's 25th year and showcase the work of someone who started in our program during its very first year!

This milestone performance will not only honor the legacy of BCD but also highlight the dedication and passion of our current dancers. Over the past 25 years, BCD has cultivated an environment of creativity, discipline, and artistic expression, shaping countless students into skilled performers. This year's concert will reflect that journey, blending classic and contemporary styles in a dynamic showcase of movement and emotion.

**Join us on May 8th and 9th for
an unforgettable evening of
captivating performances, featuring
a mix of contemporary, hip-hop, and
more. This concert will highlight the
incredible talent and creativity of
our dancers—don't miss it!**

LAKE SHORE ELEMENTARY



Leading with kindness and confidence! Dylan M. rocked her role as Principal of the Day at Hollywood Elementary, spreading positivity and recognizing great leadership.

A Day of Leadership

Dylan embraced her leadership role with enthusiasm, spreading positivity and recognizing students for their hard work and great choices.

Today, she had an incredible experience serving as Principal of the Day at Hollywood Elementary! Dylan took on her leadership role with enthusiasm, walking through the school to check in on classrooms, lend a helping hand, and spread positivity wherever she went. From visiting students hard at work to offering words of encouragement, Dylan embraced her responsibilities with kindness and confidence. Her presence brought smiles to students and staff alike, and she truly led by example throughout the day.

One of Dylan's most exciting tasks was handing out Starbucks tickets to students who demonstrated leadership and made great choices. She carefully observed students showing responsibility, kindness, and respect, ensuring their efforts were recognized. Dylan took her role seriously and carried herself with pride, proving that great leadership can come at any age. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and bright spirit made today extra special, and we are so proud of the amazing job she did as Principal of the Day!

Spreading Joy: A Sweet Valentine's Day

Principal Ben McIntyre joined students in celebrating a day filled with laughter, kindness, and festive fun.

On Valentine's Day, Principal Ben McIntyre took the time to walk through the school and visit classrooms as they celebrated with fun and festive parties. He enjoyed seeing students laughing, sharing valentines, and participating in activities that made the day special. Each classroom was filled with excitement as students played games, created crafts, and spent time with their friends. The atmosphere was full of kindness and joy, perfectly reflecting the spirit of the holiday.

In addition to enjoying the celebrations, students indulged in a variety of tasty snacks and treats, making the day even sweeter. From cupcakes to fruit trays and everything in between, classrooms were filled with delicious goodies that added to the fun. It was heartwarming to see students and teachers come together to create lasting memories.

Principal McIntyre loved being a part of these special moments and witnessing the happiness that filled each room!



Smiles, laughter, and sweet memories! Principal McIntyre had a blast celebrating Valentine's Day with our wonderful students.

Lakeshore Elementary Schools: Building Bright Futures!

Lakeshore's elementary schools provide a strong foundation for young learners, fostering academic excellence, creativity, and character. With dedicated teachers, engaging programs, and a supportive community, our schools inspire students to grow, explore, and succeed. Together, we're shaping the future—one student at a time!



LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY



Skating into Community: A Night of Fun and Connection

The Student Lighthouse Team brought families together for an unforgettable evening at the local ice arena.

The Student Lighthouse Team took the lead in planning a fantastic community event at the local ice arena, bringing families together for an evening of fun and connection. Through careful planning and teamwork, the students organized a night where families could lace up their skates, hit the ice, and enjoy quality time together. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for students, parents, and staff to connect outside of school, strengthening the sense of community that makes Hollywood Elementary so special.

Throughout the night, laughter and excitement filled the arena as families skated hand in hand, cheered each other on, and made lasting memories. Whether gliding smoothly across the ice or just learning to skate, everyone embraced the winter fun. The event was a huge success, thanks to the leadership and dedication of the Student Lighthouse Team, who continue to lead by example and bring people together in meaningful ways.



Gliding into memories! A night filled with fun, laughter, and quality time on the ice for families at our community skate event.

Celebrating Excellence: Katie Dewey's Well-Deserved Nomination

Our incredible Sprouts teacher is recognized for her dedication, passion, and impact on early childhood education.

We are incredibly proud of Katie Dewey, our amazing Sprouts teacher, for being nominated for the Education Excellence Award! Katie's dedication to her students, passion for early childhood education, and unwavering commitment to creating a nurturing and engaging learning environment make her truly deserving of this recognition. She goes above and beyond every day to ensure that even our youngest learners feel supported, encouraged, and excited about school.

Katie's ability to connect with students, collaborate with colleagues, and foster a love of learning is truly inspiring. She is a leader in our school community, always willing to share ideas, support others, and advocate for what's best for children. This nomination is a testament to her hard work and the incredible impact she has on so many lives. We are honored to have her as part of the Hollywood Elementary family and can't wait to celebrate this well-earned recognition with her!



Congratulations to Katie Dewey on her well-deserved nomination for the Education Excellence Award! Your dedication and passion for teaching inspire us all!

GROUNDING IN TRADITION COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Congratulations, Lakeshore Band Students!

Lakeshore Band students showcased their musical talents at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District 6 Band & Orchestra Festival. Students participated in both the performance and sight-reading segments, where their skills were evaluated by a panel of judges.

In the performance segment, students played three challenging pieces they had worked hard to perfect with their directors. In the sight-reading segment, they demonstrated impressive music literacy by performing a brand-new piece of music they had never seen before, all live in front of an audience.

We are proud to announce that all four Lakeshore Bands earned a "1st Division – Superior" rating from the judges, a remarkable achievement! Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and dedication—way to go, Lancers!



LMS Students Honor the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Four Lakeshore Middle School students had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a place of solemn reverence for those who have given their lives in service to the country.

Selected through an essay contest, these students were chosen to lay a wreath at the Tomb, honoring the sacrifice and bravery of all military personnel whose remains are unidentified.

The ceremony, held at Arlington National Cemetery, is an emotional and meticulously organized event, marking the changing of the guards from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard." These Sentinels, who stand watch over the Tomb 24 hours a day, go through rigorous training to ensure that they uphold the highest standards of precision and respect during the ceremony.

On Friday, the students witnessed the Changing of the Guard firsthand. After the relief commander conducted the ceremony and inspected the Sentinels' uniforms, the new guard began their solemn patrol in a precise, ritualistic march, ensuring that the Tomb remains protected from any possible threat.

The visit culminated in the students laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a powerful and emotional moment for all who participated. This opportunity not only gave the students a chance to honor those who have served but also allowed them to experience a piece of history and the deep respect that the Tomb represents.



LMS students had the honor of participating in the Changing of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, laying a wreath in tribute to the fallen—a moment of deep respect and reflection they will never forget.

We are incredibly proud of these four LMS students for earning this opportunity and for their thoughtful reflections on what it means to be part of such a meaningful tradition. Their visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a memory they will carry with them forever.



LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lakeshore Schools to Renovate Middle School Kitchen and Bus Loop District Allocates Over \$600,000 for Improvements Using Bond Funds

Lakeshore Middle School is set to undergo significant renovations, including a kitchen expansion and improvements to the bus loop, following approval from the Lakeshore School Board. The district has agreed to spend over \$622,000 on these updates, which are funded in part by the 2023 bond.

The kitchen expansion will add a 16-foot-by-36-foot area to accommodate new freezer and refrigerator units, with the current smaller units removed to enhance workflow. The update will also include the creation of a receiving area for easy placement of incoming items into refrigeration or freezing units. The addition will be located in front of the portion of the building where the school's name is displayed, with the letters repainted and relocated.

The renovation is a response to increased meal service demands, as stated by Pam Greiffendorf, Lakeshore's director of food service. Since the state began offering free meals to all students, breakfast servings have increased by 50%, and lunch servings by 20%. Greiffendorf highlighted that the extra space and improved workflow would support the preparation of fresh meals, such as salads and fruit, helping staff manage the growing number of meals served.

Superintendent Greg Eding noted that the kitchen expansion has been on the district's to-do list for years and will significantly improve the experience for both staff and students.

The project is partially funded by the \$19.9 million bond approved in 2023, though some of the kitchen costs will be covered by the food service and sinking fund accounts, as bond money cannot be used for adding building space.

In addition to the kitchen renovation, the paving of the middle school's bus loop is also set to take place. Originally removed from the bond list, this work was reinstated due to cost savings from other bond projects. The improvement comes after a new parent drop-off and pick-up loop was added off Washington Avenue, easing traffic flow, particularly along John Beers Road, with positive feedback from the community.

Additionally, staff lounges district-wide will be upgraded this summer, funded by the 2023 bond, according to project manager David Innes.

Lakeshore Middle School Renovations

Kitchen Expansion: New space for improved meal prep.

Bus Loop Paving: Enhanced traffic flow.

Staff Lounge Upgrades: District-wide renovations this summer.

These updates, funded by the 2023 bond, will improve facilities for students and staff!

Thank You, BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB, for Teaching Responsible Pet Ownership!

Lakeshore Middle School's 7th grade Creative Concepts class recently had a fun and educational visit from the BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB, who shared valuable lessons about being responsible pet owners and how to safely interact with dogs.

Students were thrilled to meet Bianca, Donkey, Chaos, Parker, and Kiwi, the amazing pets brought by the club. The session emphasized the importance of understanding animals' needs and how to approach dogs with kindness and respect. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to build strong, positive relationships with pets, ensuring the safety and well-being of both animals and people.

Thank you to the BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB for making this experience possible! The students loved meeting the animals and are now more informed about responsible pet care.



Students in 7th grade Creative Concepts are enjoying their time learning about responsible pet ownership with the BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB and meeting some amazing animals!

LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Congratulations to Honor Roll Students!

Celebrating Academic Excellence in the First Semester

Congratulations to the students who made the Honor Roll and Highest Honor Roll for the first semester! We are so excited to celebrate your hard work and dedication to excellence. Keep up the amazing work!

6th Grade Highest Honors 3.80 - 4.0 GPA

Mitra Ajay
Kinsey Alphenaar
Benson Ashby
Maria Aycardi Tatis
Journi Burchett
Saveer Chhabra
Dylan Clark
Hayden Countess
Hannah Craig
Kathryn Craig
Caleb Dalton
Shannon Elkins
Maddox Farber
Drake Florian
Arlo Galloway
Jack Glowacki
Keegan Goff
Ava Harris
Jordyn Hedgepeth
Brooksten Holok
Hazel Hoskins
Anivksha Kadus
Sreethika Kapaluru
Emmalynn Keathley
Kiptin Keathley
Evelyn Kosten
Kendall Kozlowski
Ethan Kubsch
Piper Kuhl
Asher Kujawski
Keira Lindenmayer
Sarah Luckman
Sharanya Madamageri
Lilliana Martin
Hailey Martlock

Nathan McConomy
Esther Mendoza
Ruize Mitchell
Chyrssa Mvula
Indraneel Nuthanapati
Sadie Olson
Oliver Ort
Valentina Pesantez
Elliot Petznick
Reagan Powell
Vincenzo Ramasco
Letty Ramirez-Mercado
McKenna Resseguie
Hannah Riley
Amelia Ryan
Lucy Schmidt
Lexington Schultz
Jameson Simmons
Evelyn Smith
Leona Spitzer
Finley Sprung
Vinaya Suri
Lux Swab
Lillie Thompson
Alessandro Tomasi
Greta Truhn
Shay Valha
Brooks Viengmyxay
Alexandrina
Viveros-Bourlier
Alexis Warren
Tate White
Finley Whitt
Gracelyn Wilkerson
Sapheara Williams
Scarlett Williams
Mercedes Wilson
Drew Yachtsetter
Evelyn Zavoral

6th Grade Honors 3.5 - 3.79 GPA

Clayton Adams
Margaret Adams
Mariam Aljabbareen
Brantley Andrejczuk
Francesca Bacino
Trevor Bigley
Phoebe Blagg
Van Boldt
Carter Bond
Collin Canniff
Preston Connors
Olive Davis
Jovie Deitrich
Carmen Desotelle
Hudson Drake
Aubrey Dunn
Makayla Engle
Aubrey Fester
Harlow Flock
Anna Glowacki
Paxton Goodline
Mila Grams
Jacob Hannahs
Victoria Harper
Emily Hernandez
Hazel Hines
Charlotte Hoge
Jeffrey Howenstine
Camden Kauffman
Peter Klank
Keaton Koleda
Abigail Kroschel
Jaxson Krukowski
Aliyah Lockwitz
Keira Marshall
Payson Mashke

Emilie McDonald
Sophia Mihalik
Aarav Patel
Lincoln Pethe
Klayton Pollard
Jivon Raychowdhury
Daniel Rios Nunez
Johnathan Rios
Aylani Sanchez
Camden Shanahan
Blake Staley
Lydia Streelman
Carter Tabbert
Liam Teehan
Mackenzie Utley
Paisley Van Dusen
Avah Vance
Hailey Vance
Liam Vree
Brooklyn West
Kaleb Wilson
Daniel Zordell

7th Grade Highest Honors 3.80 - 4.0 GPA

Ethan Ankli
Lucia Aranda Macias
Aiden Atwell
Noah Bellinger
Grace Bendoski
Kai Bhatti
Aria Bickel
Jonah Blagg
Aiden Britton
Kane Butcher
Bennett Callahan
Graham Canfield
Tolleston Chandler
Natalie Cipriano-Hausmann
Hayden Crow
Carter Dalton

Owen Dalton
Trey DeJong
Chelsea Del Hoyo
Vivaan Devlekar
Teigan Dolezan
Maya Engle
Collin Fulbright
Liam Gardner
Violet Glisson
George Glowacki
Eli Gonzalez
Claire Grasley
Wyatt Hagerty
Kellen Hall
Emma Hinshaw
Madison Hischke
Wesley Hosier
Morgan Hughes
Wyatt James
Andrew Jeffery
Owen Kachorek
Clara Kleiman
Sahith Kona
Julia Kraemer
Maxwell Kuhn
Alice Larson
Evan Laskowski
John Mangold
Manuela Marchi
Reinig
Kaelyn Moore
Nathalia Moreno
William Musick
Eva Olson
Rogan Parks
Elayna Peters
Jovie Peterson
Anderson Phillips
Emely Piedra
Amelia Plummer
Samuel Pschigoda
Lily PUNCHES
Josephine Regan

LAKESHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Derek Scholten
Elizabeth Simons
Madden Smith
Lenna Smith
Hailey Smith
La'Shanna Sparks
Tanner Stachurski
Juan Suarez Marquez
Lucy Truhn
Margaret Tuckowski
Hudson Tude Thuot
Cody Tyler
Kayla Van Harn
Jilliana Wallin
Alena Wheeler
Grayson Wiles
Cameron Wilson
Kolton Wohlgamuth
Arjun Yadav
Emma Young
Isabeli Zimmermann

7th Grade Honors 3.5 - 3.79 GPA

Aasia Ahmad
Emelia Becker
Jordan Bigley
Ayden Boelcke
Amelia Bradford
James Clark
Johnathan Clark
Samantha Contardo
Brittney Dover
Rory Eversole
Charleigh Farmer
Esteban Flores Patino
Alyssa Frazier
Makenzie Hartley
Atticus Hawkins
Alexander Hughes
Benjamin Infante
James Jordan
Jackson Killips
Layla King

Michael Kross
Adelyn Kugle
Samuel Lehman
Eli McGuire
Henry Miller
Aleah Montoya
Grayson Muenchow
Teagan Northup
Aida Pumfery
Gabriel Reyes
Anna Rimes
Xavier Rodgers
Lillian Russell
Stratton Sheftic
Kinley Siik
Bristol Sirk
Adeline Smith
Rylie Tippetts
Bryn Topp
Lila Trapp
Sariah Velasco
Breelyn Wahl
Emma Yauchstetter

8th Grade Highest Honors 3.80 - 4.0 GPA

Abinaya Anand
Benjamin Baber
Chloe Bacin
Kellen Blasko
Rylee Bolt
Parker Bowman
Kyle Brunke
Wyatt Buckenmeyer
Evelyn Burt
Isabella Chohfi
Garrett Chrispell
Noah Compton
Kyle Craig
Kiley Craven
Brylie Dail
Raquel de Varona
Jack Deitrich

Addison Demski
Brielle Doroh
Sara Emerson
Avery Fichtner
Leah Fisher
Wyatt Florian
Gabriel Ford
Phoebe Heinemann
Ella Jousma
Mukul Kedia
Bentley Keim
Erich Korfmacher
Kaleb Ksoten
Tannah Lin
Harper Lin
Ethan Main
Taylor Marquardt
Addison Marquardt
Donald Martin
Knox Martin
Olivia Massey
Gabriel McKie
Avery McLeod
Myles Mooney
Abigail Morris
Adelyn Mortimore
Casey Muchow
Genevieve Nyce
Kellan O'Donnell
Coltyn Pollard
Adelle Prosser

Mason Rasmussen
Maya Resseguie
Madalyn Ryan
Mehul Salgotra
Amelie Schaub
Ainsley Schmidt
Manarjun Singh
Laney Stempien
Charlotte Stotmeister
Eli Timmons
Elin Viengmyxay
Isabella Williams
Kate Yauchstetter

8th Grade Honors 3.5 - 3.79 GPA

Kiean Arend
Shea Ayers
Mia Barker
Cassidy Bell
Genevieve Bontemps
Waylon Buchman
Ariana Chaffin
Thaddeus Colthorp
Diane Dohn
Lydia Dwyer
Donovan Erickson
Mason Ernst
Madilyn Ettinger
Jaxson Farber

Evan Fitzgerald
Isabella Fox
Taylor Gast
Hunter Ghareeb
Maddux Hagen
Emilee Hall
Robert Hall
Kylie Hammer
Elliot Harte
Frederico Herrmann
Edward Jacobs
Cruz Keim
Kamden Koleda
Ava Macerata
Cecily Mahlo
Emerson Mantei
Easton Momany
Ethan Russell
Kaitlyn Ryan
Pemberley Ryan
Silvia Serna
Dev Singh
Lily Spletzer
Koryn Stokes
Luciano Tomasi
Hayden Vree
Landon Ward
Beckett White
Henry Zordell
Lillian Zuhl



For the past three decades, it has been my privilege to edit and design the Lakeshore Light Newsletter, quietly working behind the scenes to bring each edition to life. As I put together this final issue of my journey with the newsletter, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be part of this community in such a unique way. Thank you for reading over the years—it has truly been an honor.

~ Wendy Bedell, Net Designs, LLC

 LAKESHORE LIGHT

5771 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127
(269) 428-1400

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
STEVENSVILLE,
MICHIGAN
PERMIT NO. 5

ECRWSS
Postal Customer



What's important to you?
Let's talk.

Kristine VanDerKamp
Financial Advisor
5922 Cleveland Avenue
Stevensville, MI 49127
269-429-2880
www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
MKT-58941-A Member SIPC



SHELLE DRAGOMER
REAL ESTATE AGENT
269.757.3999
shelledragomer@yahoo.com
2525 Lake Pine Dr, St. Joseph, MI 49085

@properties
CHRISTIE'S
INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE



Lake Michigan
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Brad Logie, DDS, MD

Full Scope Oral Surgery Including:
IV Sedation, Wisdom Teeth Extractions, & Implants
(269) 556-9398
Lakeland Health Park lakemichiganoms.com



FRAZEE TEAM

YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE EXPERTS



269.985.3049

830 Pleasant Street,
3rd Floor
St. Joseph, MI 49085



CENTURY 21
Affiliated



HARBOR COUNTRY DENTAL

Myofunctional Orthodontics

Smile brighter,
breathe easier, and
sleep better with
gentle myofunctional
orthodontics.

269-469-3140 • 105 W Merchant St, New Buffalo, MI
harborcountrydental.com



When protecting your Auto, Home,
Life, Business, Farm and more, the
EXPERIENCE MATTERS.

Call Matt Swab today!

(269) 465-6170 | mswab@fbinsmi.com
9845 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman
SwabAgency.com



FARM BUREAU INSURANCE



A Company

REACH HIGHER

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation



LEF
LAKESHORE
EXCELLENCE
FOUNDATION

Golf Scramble

MONDAY, JUNE 16
HARBOR SHORES GOLF CLUB

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:
WWW.LEFONLINE.ORG**

JC Anderson



GRAIN'S GRAND RAPIDS BUSINESS
Notable Non Profit
BOARD LEADERS

ARTICLE ON PAGE 7.

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF) Board is made up entirely of dedicated volunteers! Their time and expertise help create exceptional opportunities for Lakeshore students and teachers. Thank you, LEF Board, for all you do!

trustees

JC Anderson
Leslie Arbanas
Ryan Arnt
Meghan Bacin
Sophie Bauchet
Ludo Beaufils

Kate Beckrow
Kelly Bushu
Zeb Deitrich
Chad Deja
Tim Dyer
Greg Eding

Mike Farrington
Andrew Glisson
Janine Harrison
Lori Hellenga
Rebecca Hirschboeck
Alaina Kinney

Lori Marciniak
Sterling Massey
Elizabeth Meeth
Phil Molloy
Julia Pechtel
Heidi Peters

Jim Roberts
Andrew Robinson
Bill Scaletta
Lewis Scott
Matt Swab





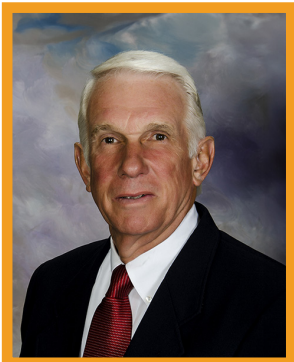
THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE 2025 LEF ONLINE AUCTION A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of the individual donors and area businesses who helped make the 2025 LEF Online Auction such a huge success! Your support makes a world of difference for the students, staff, and community of Lakeshore Public Schools.

221 Main - Restaurant & Cocktail House
Aerial Yoga with Emily
Aesthetically Dana
Ann and Frank Burke
Anytime Fitness Stevensville
Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
Baroda Beez - Jim Jakubs
Beeches Golf Club
Berrien County
Biggby
Bit of Swiss
bread+bar by Bit of Swiss
Brick House
Bridgman Family Dental Care
Chateau Chantal
Children's Music Workshop
Citadel Music School
Cracker Barrel
Curious Kids' Museum
Dr. John Marohn; Great Lakes Eye Care
Fanatics
Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve
Firekeepers Casino
Friends of LEF
Grand Hotel
Grand Rapids Public Museum
Grande Mere Inn
Gravity Winery
Greg and Erica Eding
Harbor Shores Golf Club
Hartlines Garden Center

Heidi and Jim Peters
Hoopla Frozen Yogurt
Indian Lake Hills
Janine Harrison and Melissa Rescoe
J.C. and Nancy Anderson; Tara Newman
Culinary Cottage
John Ball Zoo
Journeyman Distillery
Judy Deam
Kilwins St. Joseph
Kirsten Pagel/RV Band Director
Lake Michigan Golf Hills
Lakeshore DECA
Lakeshore Petroleum - John, Kathy &
Mark Curtis
Lakeshore Public Schools
Lewis Adventure Farm
LHS Basketball
LHS Football
LHS National Honor Society
LHS Wrestling
Lisa Welch; Gloria and Erik Ender
Janine and Bob Harrison
M Squared Modern Hair
M&W Auto Service and Tire
Mark III Grille & Bar
Martin's Super Markets
Miss Michigan, Maya Schuhknecht
Northway Equine Sportsmassage
Orchard Hills/David Anderson
Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen

Peat's Cider Social
Performance Plus
PGA of America
Potowatomi Zoo
Red Coach Donuts
Reva Salon & Spa
Rod Thomson
Ryan Arnt - REALTOR
Salon Envy Hair + Nails
Schu's Grill & Bar
Shelley Shell at Allure Salon (Stevensville)
Signature Toyota
Sill Laser Graphics
Silver Beach Pizza
Silver Harbor Brewing Company
Sophia's House of Pancakes
Subway Restaurants
Texas Corral
The Beckrow Family
The Bitzer Family
The LAB Martial Arts & Fitness
The Lux Salon and Spa
The Mason Jar Cafe
TMPR Sports and Joe Bigley
Tosi's Restaurant
Twin City Players
Tyler Automotive
Watermark Brewing Company
Welch Center for Wine Tasting
Whirlpool Corporation



J.C. Anderson, Chairman

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY: **CELEBRATING APPRECIATION**

APPRECIATE: TO UNDERSTAND THE WORTH OR IMPORTANCE OF SOMEONE.

As I write this Chairman's Letter, there is only one word that comes to mind when I think about our recent LEF activities. That word, as defined above, is "appreciate." I would like to express my deep appreciation for a number of folks.

ONLINE AUCTION: This LEF fundraiser recently concluded with the best-ever results of \$38,300, far exceeding last year's \$25,800, which was a record at that time. To achieve this, our LEF Board members procured a record number of items, including some unique experiences. My appreciation goes to our Board members for their procurement efforts, which involve face-to-face discussions and requests for contributions from business owners. We ask each Board member to procure at least three items.

My next appreciation goes to the businesses that generously support our Online Auction with their contributions. It's important to recognize that each donation represents a lost ticket, meal, product, etc., for the business, which impacts their bottom line. From my personal experience in procurement, I've found that after reflecting on our position in the revenue per student from the State of Michigan, business owners are often happy to support us.

Last but not least, appreciation goes to the record 173 bidders who participated in the Auction. We can procure many great items, but without bidders interested in purchasing them, we wouldn't have a successful event. In many cases, bidders knowingly bid above the fair market value for our benefit. For example, most \$100 gift cards sold for \$120–\$125.

GOLF SCRAMBLE: Another record fundraising event, with a huge amount of appreciation for the golfers who participated in 2024. They each paid the \$250 player fee, bought raffle tickets, mulligans, entered the closest-to-the-pin contest, and more, resulting in a record \$28,100 for this fundraiser.

CASH RAFFLE: Our third fundraiser aims for \$20,000, but it still requires 250 people to purchase a \$100 ticket and try their luck at winning one of our three cash prizes. Once again, our Board members sell these tickets individually, so additional appreciation goes to them for their efforts and to those ticket buyers trying their luck with 'Lady Luck.'

WHIRLPOOL COMMUNITY

CHARITY GOLF EVENT: This annual golf outing benefits our local community, with contributions going to the Boys & Girls Club, First Tee, and the three local school foundations. The record \$350,000 contribution in 2024 to the LEF was graciously accepted, and we deeply appreciate the priority given to supporting kids and their education.

LANCER LEADERS: Thirteen years ago, when we rethought our LEF fundraising approach, the Lancer Leaders became the core of our efforts. A Lancer Leader is someone deeply committed to supporting the Lakeshore kids and their education, with a minimum annual

contribution of \$1,000. Their commitment is greatly appreciated and recognized at our Lancer Leader Reception events.

TEACHERS/ADMINISTRATION:

Our appreciation for the daily efforts of Lakeshore teachers and administration in educating our students is immense and does not go unnoticed. We exist to enhance financial support for the betterment of students' education. Interestingly, we also receive numerous thank-you notes from this group, showing their mutual appreciation for the LEF.

To you, the reader—no matter which area you relate to—know that you are deeply appreciated by me and the entire LEF Board. Be sure to check our website (lefonline.org) for opportunities to get involved this year, whether it's with our Golf Scramble on June 16 at Harbor Shores, purchasing a ticket for our Cash Raffle this summer (with the drawing in September), or becoming a donor to LEF. We're also always looking for new Board members, so feel free to call me at (269) 921-2513 or send a text to start your journey to becoming an LEF Board member.

Sincerely,

J.C. Anderson
Chairperson, LEF

STRENGTHENING ELEMENTARY LITERACY

Wonders, Lakeshore Intervention Time (LIT), and Acadience

In the Fall of 2023, Lakeshore's Elementary Division embarked on a comprehensive review of English Language Arts (ELA) practices. During that year, staff explored research-based methods and research-based curricula to replace current practices.

To date, we are proud to report that the implementation of our initiatives, designed to enhance literacy instruction in our schools, is well underway. Lakeshore has introduced a new ELA curriculum called **Wonders** – a research-based program designed to support literacy development. We've launched an intervention block called **LIT** (Lakeshore Intervention Time). This happens 4-5 days a week for a half hour and is designed to help those who are struggling and extend those who are excelling. Finally, we continue our commitment to benchmarking and progress monitoring through **Acadience**. Acadience helps us measure foundational literacy skills, monitor student progress, and inform targeted instruction to support reading success. Together, these efforts are a dynamic framework for supporting student success!

Each year, the LEF raises funds to support grants focused on student enrichment, professional development, staff support, and foundation projects benefiting the students, staff, and community of Lakeshore Public Schools. The early literacy program is one of the seven key initiatives under the LEF's \$1 million dollar commitment, unanimously approved by LEF Trustees, in October 2023. LEF provided \$220,000 to the early literacy program.



Mrs. Oman's class working on partner reading and identifying the gist.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of Wonders, LIT, and Acadience in our schools. Together, we will build a strong foundation for literacy. Thank you to our hardworking teachers who make the magic happen every day for our students!



Check out Mrs. Duthler's class during a whole group lesson on Wonders.



Mrs. Lee's 2nd grade class is getting started with LIT (Lakeshore Intervention Time).

WEIGHT ROOM UPDATE



REACH HIGHER

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

Just over a year ago, the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation made its largest commitment to invest \$1 million in Lakeshore Public Schools. Among the many amazing items and programs implemented since that time are the new weight room and training equipment at Lakeshore High School.

Prior to that donation, the weight room and equipment in place didn't allow students, coaches, and athletes to participate in training in large group settings. The upgrade was also a major contributor to drawing more of the student body that doesn't participate in athletics. One of the main goals was to make the new weight room and equipment more accessible to all students—not just those involved in athletics.

John Girton, Director of Athletic Performance and Physical Education Teacher at Lakeshore High School, explained that the new equipment has been vital in allowing more students to participate in physical fitness. Mr. Girton stated, "Not only is it much safer, but it gives us a ton of flexibility in how we can perform various movements." The new racks allow students to get more done in a safer manner than before, due to the efficiency the

new equipment provides. Mr. Girton also said, "We've had fewer overall absences, and students report they enjoy the class more." This feedback is especially important considering the mental health of our youth has been a topic of conversation since the pandemic. Hearing that students are missing fewer classes and many look forward to attending, even though it is challenging, creates a positive outlook for all involved.

When speaking with Mr. Girton about non-sport student participation levels, he told us that approximately 35% of the students in his class are non-sport athletes. Mr. Girton stated, "The non-sport athletes have done incredibly well. They compete to make a better version of themselves every day. That group has seen some of the best physical improvements and are some of the hardest workers I have."

Physical training can be very empowering and is a great way to challenge oneself to reach goals and improve daily. Morgan Meeth, a junior at Lakeshore, takes Girton's Advanced Weight Training class. Meeth explained, "The new iPads in the weight room help me track my progress, and Teambuildr helps me know what weights to load without having to do the math myself. The new racks help make my workouts go smoother, which helps me get them done within class time." Meeth also agreed that working out during the school day helps with her self-esteem and overall mood for the remainder of the day.

Not only are the students at Lakeshore High School taking advantage of the new weight room and equipment, but Lakeshore Middle School students also benefit from the new addition. All of the old equipment from the high school was moved to the middle school for student use. Allowing students access to the tools they need to improve their overall mental health and well-being is very important to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. We will continue to strive to bring cutting-edge technology and equipment to help our students at all levels within our district.



BROADWAY MAGIC AT LAKESHORE: Adam Kaplan Returns to Inspire Students



On February 14th, fans of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* grabbed their Valentine and headed to Lakeshore High School for the musical's opening night. In anticipation of the event's annual weekend run, the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation was proud to support the return of Broadway performer Adam Kaplan. Kaplan worked with Lakeshore's Performing Arts Department this past January as part of a special workshop.

This is Kaplan's second time visiting Lakeshore High School to teach an intensive with our fine arts students. Lakeshore High School Junior, Jorin Tabbert, who plays Joseph's brother Naphtali in the musical, says this year's workshop was even better than the last.

"He came prepared with all the materials he needed, and all the planned choreography, and it made everything run a lot smoother," said Tabbert. "He said this is the first time he's done something like this for a show that wasn't *Newsies* because he's only ever been in *Newsies*, so he could only pitch himself as a *Newsies* Coordinator. It was impressive just how much of an overall performer and educator he is and the way that he did things."

Lakeshore High School Seniors Schaeffer Ott, who played the Narrator in the musical, and Aiden Sokol, who played Joseph, agree this educational opportunity was not one they will soon forget.

"Having Kaplan back to help with *Joseph* was an incredibly beneficial experience," said Ott. "His Broadway background brought a level of precision and uniformity that greatly helped our production as a whole, as did his work developing our characters within the larger cast."

"His experience in professional settings provided an especially challenging environment that helped us grow as actors," said Sokol.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Musical Director, Christy Sloan, tells us even though Kaplan only spends a short time with the students, his impact is far-reaching.

"Both times Adam has worked with the cast, we have seen weeks' worth of polishing and detail come together in two days," says Sloan. "His professionalism extends to the students and elevates them to perform beyond everyone's expectations. He even remembered specific students from the year before! The opportunity to invite Adam to better our program is a direct reflection of LEF's generous commitment to all aspects of the Lakeshore experience."

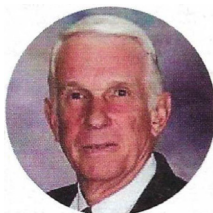
LEF Grants in Action wouldn't be possible without our donor support. To learn more about our other grants, or to support our mission, visit: lefonline.org.

NOTABLE

NONPROFIT BOARD LEADERS

Good board members support nonprofits with their time, talents and treasures. Great board members do all of that and more. These 22 leaders treat board service as the second job that it is, applying their professional skills to boost their chosen organization's profile, finances and outreach. They create and champion DEI efforts, generate new fundraisers and breathe new life into existing ones, and mentor other board members. Their efforts, described here, strengthen all manner of area nonprofits, from social service agencies to public entertainment venues.

Methodology: The individuals featured did not pay to be included. Their profiles were written from the nomination/application materials submitted.



JC Anderson

Chair

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

Scope of work: JC Anderson is a retired global senior vice president of operations at Whirlpool Corp.

Nonprofit contributions: Over the past 12 years, Lakeshore Excellence Foundation has raised more than \$7 million with Anderson as chair and grew its board from 8 to 27 members while instituting three new fundraisers.

Biggest career win: Anderson developed an all-encompassing product cost productivity measure for Whirlpool that initially covered 22,000 North American employees and then implemented globally.

Community/industry involvement: He is involved with the Rotary Club and serves on the board of Well of Grace. Anderson also helps lead the United Way retiree campaign at Whirlpool and is executive chair for volunteer recruitment for the Senior PGA golf tournament.

As Chair of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation (LEF), J.C. Anderson has helped raise \$7M, expand the board, and launch new fundraisers. A retired Whirlpool executive, he also supports the Rotary Club, Well of Grace, United Way, and the Senior PGA Tournament, driving positive change in the community.



JC Anderson



CRAIN'S GRAND RAPIDS BUSINESS

Notable Non Profit BOARD LEADERS

We're excited to share that LEF Board Chairman, J.C. Anderson, was named a Crain's Grand Rapids Notable Nonprofit Board Leader for 2024!

J.C. spends countless hours supporting the mission of the LEF, and has taken the direction of this not-for-profit to new heights. We feel blessed to have his leadership and support!

You can read about the award, the methodology, and other winners, by visiting:
<https://bit.ly/LEFAndersonCrains>

REACH HIGHER

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation



Unlocking My Interior Design Dreams:

How a \$10,000 Scholarship Launched My MSU Journey (And How You Can Do It Too!)

By: Taylor Davis, 2024 Lakeshore Graduate

Ever dreamed of turning your passion into a career? That's exactly what I'm doing at Michigan State University, thanks in part to receiving the *brian d. siewert "Artist In Motion Scholarship"* for \$10,000 making my interior design dreams a reality. And guess what? Your dream could be next! I'm sharing my experience to show you how you can unlock similar opportunities.

Let's be real, the scholarship application process can seem daunting.

I felt that way too! But trust me, it's totally manageable. It involved a portfolio, an application, and a short essay. The portfolio was the most challenging part for me. Since I didn't have access to formal interior design classes, I had to get creative. I spent a week designing a floor plan, building a house in *SketchUp*, and creating mood boards that showcased different design styles. It took some effort, but it was a fantastic learning experience. The key takeaway? Don't let a lack of resources hold you back. Think outside the box and show your passion in unique ways!

The interview? Definitely nerve-racking, but also the most rewarding part.

It was a chance to connect with Brian and the committee on a personal level. They asked some thought-provoking questions, and while it felt like I was put on the spot, they were incredibly supportive and genuinely interested in my passion. It was a reminder that this scholarship is about recognizing talent and potential, not just perfect grades.

What I discovered is that this scholarship isn't about ticking boxes. It's about passion. It's for students who have a burning desire to pursue their art, whatever it may be. If

you approach the application with enthusiasm and a genuine love for your chosen field, you'll gain so much from the process, regardless of the outcome.

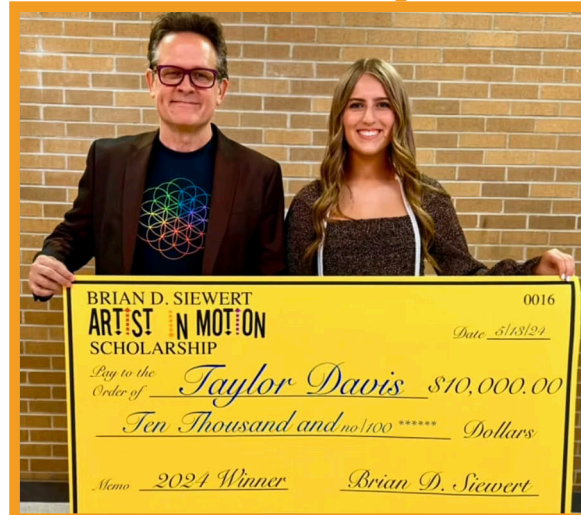
My first year at MSU has been incredible!

I'm immersed in interior design classes, I'm the *Freshman Representative for the Interior Design Student Organization*, and I'm proud of my 4.0 GPA. It's amazing to see how much I've grown already. Interior design is so much more than just picking furniture. It's about understanding the construction process, the architecture, and then bringing the design to life. I'm loving every minute and I'm currently preparing for the secondary admissions process at the end of the year.

Thinking about applying for a scholarship?

Do it! Seriously. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Don't let fear or self-doubt hold you back. Showcase your passion, tell your story, and take that leap of faith. You might just surprise yourself. This could be your chance to launch your dream career, just like it was for me. Who knows? Maybe I'll see you in some of my classes next year!

Continued NEXT PAGE



Brian D. Siewert and Taylor Davis



The jury for Taylor's interview.

FROM BRIAN D. SIEWERT

“This is my 16th year of providing this opportunity to graduating Lakeshore students and it honestly feels more important than ever. Having seen what SO many previous winners over the years have gone on to achieve with regards to following their dreams and utilizing their talents just inspires me even more to want to find the next great LHS artist! To create a very individualistic, competitive avenue for these young artists to display their combination of passion and talent provides a chance to taste the real world that awaits them after high school. The world is TOUGH... and so is winning this scholarship! And yet, year after year I'm continually amazed at the immense talent and courage of these Lakeshore artistic dreamers to face the jury head on with an intense belief in themselves AND their talents.

Taylor Davis is just the kind of student the *brian d. siewert “Artist In Motion Scholarship”* was created for! Her incredible creativity, desire to learn more, knowledge of the field for a student her age were what truly 'wow'ed the jury panel. She conveyed a passion to follow her dreams in interior design that gave the judges little doubt that she would excel at the highest level, with or without winning the award.

What few people know about the winners is the ongoing mentorship opportunity provided to them through their college years. It's not just a big win, a big check and 'good luck.' To those who are interested, I stay in touch and meet with them over holiday trips home from school to see how their higher learning journey is going and encourage and guide them as needed. A lot happens in those college years and it's beautiful to see their incredible evolution as creatives. I'm so incredibly proud of each and every winner dating back to 2008 and can't WAIT to find the new “*Artist In Motion*” winners in years to come!”

Deadline to submit the online application is May 3, 2025. To learn more visit www.bdsaim.com



This QR code directs users to the Artist in Motion Scholarship Video, providing insight into past winners and an overview of how the competition works. Scan to learn more!

BRIAN D. SIEWERT

Artist in Motion
\$10,000 Scholarship



Apply Online
Now-May 3
<https://www.bdsaim.com/>

HOW IT WORKS?

In 2007, Lakeshore High School alumni Brian Siewert ('85) enlisted the assistance of the LEF to be co-architect of the \$10,000 *brian d. siewert “Artist In Motion Scholarship,”* which is now the longest-running competitive arts scholarship in Lakeshore's history. The annual, competitive *brian d. siewert “Artist In Motion Scholarship”* is granted to a graduating Lakeshore High School senior pursuing a passion and higher education in ANY field of the arts. The winner receives \$10,000 and is decided by a jury of artistic professionals on the student's display of both commitment and excellence in their chosen art form. In 2024, “Entrepreneurial Arts” was added as a qualifying field to welcome the “Shark Tank” business minded students.

LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION: Welcomes New Board Members



Mike Farrington

Mike Farrington

Mike Farrington is a proud graduate of the Lakeshore school system. His children also attended Lakeshore Public Schools. Mike has a special interest in being on the LEF board, as his daughter has Down Syndrome, and he hopes to be able to represent students with special needs, their parents, and teachers. Mike's background is in Engineering. He retired from Whirlpool after 32 years where he led North

American Laundry Engineering, then Refrigeration Engineering, and Global Product Approval Organization. Mike's final position was with the Global Product Safety Team. Mike currently holds two business roles. He is a math teacher at LMC, and does consulting work for a company near Chicago. In his spare time, Mike is active at Stevensville United Methodist Church. He leads a Bible study and plays in two handbell choirs.

Mike is a strong believer in the concept that diverse thoughts and opinions lead to better decisions. He says we need to be aware that inclusivity is the key to a better world that has meaning for all.



Andrew Robinson

Andrew Robinson

Andrew Robinson serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Mosaic CCCDA, a faith-based non-profit program. In this capacity, Andrew provides visionary leadership and administrative oversight to Mosaic

Opportunity (job training/development division) and Mosaic Network of Services (a group of educational initiatives and community programs) in addition to its three social enterprises: Mosaic Resale Shop, Mosaic Cleaning Services, and Mosaic Administrative Support Services. Also, he has launched an entrepreneurial support organization (The Emerge Innovation Hub), in partnership with Whirlpool Corporation, to foster the growth of small businesses/enterprises in Southwest Michigan.



Heidi Peters

Heidi Peters

Heidi graduated from the University of Kansas earning a bachelor's degree in human development. She met her husband, Jim, at KU and they were married right after graduation in 1992. She earned a BS in nursing at Rockhurst University in Kansas City in 1994. Heidi practiced as an RN for over 10 years, beginning in cardiovascular recovery and ending her career in general recovery. Heidi and Jim have lived all over the Midwest and then northern Italy before relocating to Stevensville in 2010. They have 3 children, all who have graduated from Lakeshore High School. She volunteered in the classroom while her children were in the district. She was involved in PTO, Girls on the Run, and Lakeshore soccer boosters. Heidi has served on the Curious Kids board of directors since 2011 and has been the board president for several years. She is on an investment team at United Way, Friendly Caller at Area Agency on Aging, part of the Women's Giving Circle, and other volunteer commitments with Berrien Community Foundation and throughout the community. She enjoys

every opportunity to see her children, gardening, cycling, walking her dogs Chewy and Toby, cheering on the Chiefs and Jayhawks and traveling. Heidi is very grateful for the education her children received at Lakeshore and is excited to serve on the LEF board and be a part of the future of Lakeshore.

We're thrilled to welcome our newest members to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation! Your dedication and passion will help us continue our mission of supporting education and enriching opportunities for Lakeshore students. We look forward to making a difference together!

CALLING CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATES!

The class of '15 is currently planning their 10-year reunion. Please follow their facebook page for updates and to join the conversation!

Here's the link for details:
facebook.com/groups/lakeshoreclassof2015

Excellent schools are the foundation of excellent communities. When you invest in Lakeshore Public Schools through the LEF, you are investing in the quality of life in our community both today and tomorrow.

SWING FOR A CAUSE:

Join the 23rd Annual LEF Golf Scramble!

Get your Golf Game ready, because on Monday, June 16th, it will be time once again to hit the links for the 23rd annual LEF Golf Scramble. We are returning to the picturesque Harbor Shores Golf Club to see who has what it takes to bring home the top prize on the course. As always, the day will be filled with food, chances to win amazing raffle prizes, contests - like closest to the pin and longest drive, and so much more! Sponsorship package opportunities and foursome team registrations are available. Log onto our website at LEFonline.org to claim your spot today!



Celebrating the Berrien County Dancers:

A Reflection of Growth and Gratitude

We were sent this amazing reflection "Thank You" video from Theresa Graziano, featuring her work with the Berrien County Dancers (BCD) - a group the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation has supported for years as part of a recurring grant. The mission of the BCD program at Lakeshore High School is "for students to become confident, disciplined, respectful, self-loving young adults, and to empower them to recognize and reach their utmost potential through the art of dance." We are proud to support our fine arts students as they further their dance curriculum, and appreciate the opportunity to see them grow in their craft. To see the video, visit: <https://bit.ly/LEFBCD> or scan the QR Code.



Berrien County Dancers Video



REACH HIGHER

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

WHAT WE DO.

The LEF collaborates with staff at Lakeshore Public Schools to identify and support worthy projects that will enrich and supplement the learning opportunities in our schools. We also make a variety of grants for students, teachers, staff and community members to support innovation and professional development.

Visit lefonline.org to learn more about LEF!

Our mission is to “acquire and distribute resources in support of Lakeshore Public Schools for programs and projects aimed at enriching or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.”

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come.

Annually, the LEF Board evaluates the health of the fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at (269) 921-2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

Ways to keep in touch ...

- 1** Join the Lakeshore High School Alumni Facebook Group:
Search for “Lakeshore High School Alumni” and Join the Group
- 2** Register on the LEF website for email updates:
lefonline.org/alumni/get-registered

If you graduated from Lakeshore High School, this is a great way to stay in touch!

THE FACTS

The state funding for public schools in Michigan continues to be a challenge and Lakeshore is in the bottom 25% when it comes to funding. Yes, 75% of Michigan public school districts receive more state funding on a revenue per student basis!

SEVEN WAYS TO GIVE

1. Donate conveniently online
2. Swing those clubs
3. Become a Lakeshore Lancer Leader
4. Bid for Lakeshore
4. Give us your two cents
5. Endowment Fund
6. Planned Giving

lefonline.org/giving-opportunities



LEARN MORE ABOUT LEF

Visit our website: LEFonline.org

Follow us on Facebook @LakeshoreExcellence

Read our newsletter in the Lakeshore Light

Contact our Chairman, J.C. Anderson (anderjcna@gmail.com)

